



The Honorable Robert Perciasepe  
Acting Administrator  
US Environmental Protection Agency  
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Re: Formal request to keep the 30 day comment period for the Revised Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment

Dear Administrator Perciasepe:

On behalf of the Wild Salmon Center, we strongly urge EPA to keep the 30-day public comment period timeline for the Revised Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment as described in the Federal Register notice. *See*, 78 FR 25266 (April 30, 2013). The Wild Salmon Center applauds EPA's thorough scientific assessment, peer review process and willingness to gather meaningful input from the public. However, we urge EPA to avoid unnecessary delays that would impact the timeline for EPA's Final Watershed Assessment.

The 30 day comment period ensures that EPA will be able to maintain its schedule and commitment to the people of Bristol Bay who would be most impacted by the proposed Pebble Mine. We believe, as EPA has acknowledged, that extensive public comment and peer review of the earlier draft has already been collected. Extending the current comment period would adversely impact the people of the region, overlap with the Bristol Bay fishing season, and only serve to benefit proponents of the Pebble project. The current schedule is equitable for all parties who are now taking the opportunity to comment on this critical national issue. We look forward to EPA's Final Watershed Assessment and urge you to complete the process as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your consideration

Sincerely,

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